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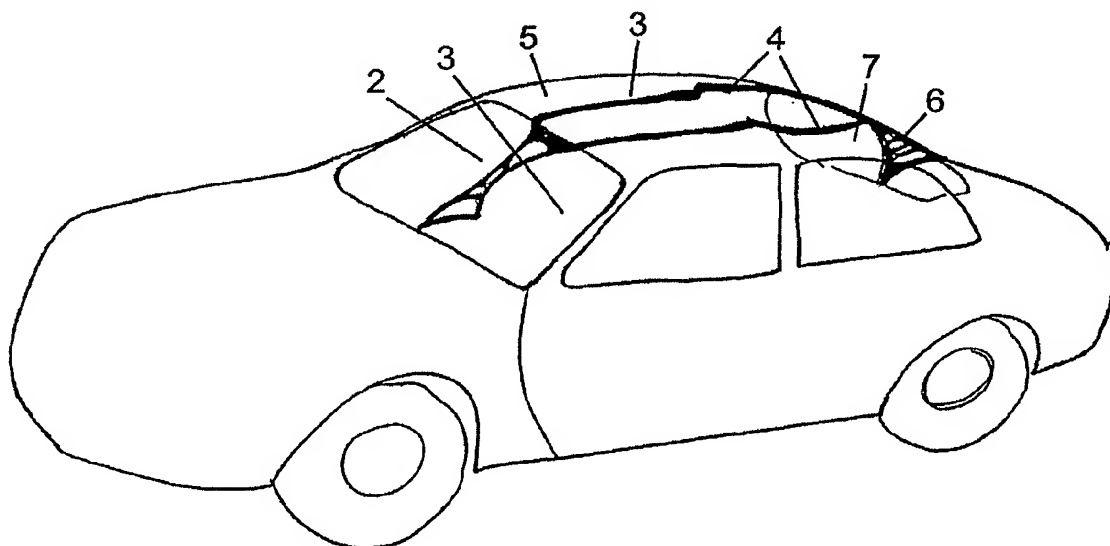
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(57) **Abstract:** The present invention provides a road vehicle comprising at least one strengthening member fixed to a structure of the vehicle, wherein the strengthening member is dimensioned so that it will not prevent the driver seeing an object which is at least two metres from the front windscreen, when the driver uses binocular vision and without requiring the driver to move the driver's head. The present invention may further provide a road vehicle comprising at least one strengthening member which, in a first, storage position is retracted and in a second, extended position, extends between structures of the vehicle, and operating means for moving the strengthening member from the first position to the second position, wherein, if the reinforcing member is for extending adjacent the front windscreen in the extended position, it permits the driver to see through the front windscreen in the second position. A strengthening member of a specific construction is also provided for.

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